

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are rejected by the office action. Claims 2, 3, and 21 is canceled. Thus, claims 1 and 4-20 are pending and at issue in this application.

The Office Action objected to claim 3 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise being allowable. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the language of claim 3 and intervening claim 2, thereby rewriting claim 3 into claim 1 to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, as suggested by the Office Action. Applicants thus submit that claim 1, and claims 4-20 depending therefrom, are in condition for immediate allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

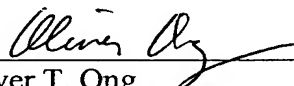
This amendment is timely filed with a certificate of mailing under 37 C.F.R. §1.8. Although Applicants believe that no fees are due in this case, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2855 of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below. In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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